# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## Bulge of Cent and a Half in Wheat Caused by Damage to Crops.

## WHEAT ALL-ABSORBING TOPIC ON 'CHANGE

### Pork Advances Five Cents, Lard and Ribs Two and a Half Cents Each —Corn and Oats Steady to Higher.

CHICAGO, March 27.—A bulge of 1½@1⅝c in the price of wheat was caused today by complaints of serious damage to the winter crop in many places previously reporting a good promise. Corn and oats improved ¼c each. Pork advanced 5c and lard and ribs 2½@5c each.

Previous serious crop damage reports were supplemented before the opening by scores of similar communications. As a result there was a sharp upturn in wheat right at the commencement. May began ⅝c higher with buyers at from 71¼c to 71⅝c. The market kept on the jump until it reached 72¼c. Liverpool market was ⅝d up to start with and the next quotation from there added another ⅝c to the earlier advance.

The weather west was unseasonably cold and in the northwest, where much less than the usual amount of fall plowing in preparation for spring seeding has been done, the prevailing temperatures were close around the zero mark. Besides the damage to wheat in the southwest, very bad news was received from sections of Illinois and Indiana previously reporting excellent prospects.

Heavy northwest receipts had a modifying effect on the bull feeling for a while, but was finally dissipated by the mass of evidence coming to hand of crop damage. Minneapolis and Duluth got 626 cars, compared with 326 a year ago, and Chicago only 29 carloads, against 121 last year. Western primary market receipts were nearly twice as large as the corresponding day a year ago, amounting to 729,000 bu. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equaled 640,000 bu.

The fluctuations after the first advance to 72¼c for May were numerous. It reacted to 71⅝c, rose to 72 c, dropped again to 71⅝c and once more advanced to 72¼c, with closing trades at the last named quotation. The bears made July the principal object of attack. It held up well, notwithstanding, and closed at 71⅝c, a gain of 1⅝c for the day.

Light receipts, small country offerings and higher cables strengthened corn. The demand from the seaboard for cash corn was much better than for some time. Receipts, 391 cars. May opened 1@1⅛c higher at 36@36⅛c, improved to 36¼c, but during the greater part of the session it alternated between 36c buyers and 36⅛c sellers, closing with buyers at 36⅛c.

Buying by shorts on account of delayed seeding caused an advance in oats. Receipts, 227 cars. May began ⅛@¼c better at 26⅜@26⅝c, rose to 27¼c, when reacted to 26⅞c at the close. Buying by packers and short covering on account of the strength in grains helped provisions. May pork started 5c up at $9.27½, advanced to $9.35, then slipped off to $9.26 on selling by English packers and closed at $9.27½.

The ranges in lard and ribs was small.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 325 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Sat'dy. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat. | | | | | |
| May... | 71¼@⅜ | 72⅛ | 71¼ | 72¼ | 70⅝@⅜ |
| July... | 70⅜@⅝ | 71⅝ | 70⅜ | 71⅝ | 69⅝ |
| *Corn. | | | | | |
| May... | 36@⅜ | 36¼ | 36 | 36⅛ | 35⅞ |
| July... | 36⅝ | 36⅞ | 36⅛@⅜ | 36⅜@¾ | 36⅛@⅜ |
| Sept... | 37@⅜ | 37⅜ | 37 | 37⅛@¼ | 36⅞ |
| *Oats. | | | | | |
| May... | 26⅝@¾ | 27⅛ | 26⅝@¾ | 26¾ | 26⅝ |
| July... | 25 | 25⅝ | 24⅞-25 | 25⅛@¼ | 24⅝@¾ |
| Pork. | | | | | |
| May... | 9 27½ | 9 35 | 9 25 | 9 27½ | 9 22½ |
| July... | 9 45 | 9 50 | 9 40 | 9 42½ | 9 35 |
| Lard. | | | | | |
| May... | 5 40 | 5 45 | 5 40 | 5 42½ | 5 40 |
| July... | 5 57½ | 5 57½ | 5 55 | 5 57½ | 5 55 |
| Sept... | 5 67½ | 5 70 | 5 67½ | 5 70 | 5 65 |
| Ribs. | | | | | |
| May... | 4 82½ | 4 85 | 4 82½ | 4 85 | 4 82½ |
| July... | 4 95 | 4 97½ | 4 92½ | 4 97½ | 4 95 |
| Sept... | 5 05 | 5 10 | 5 05 | 5 10 | 5 07½ |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm and moderate demand; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.10; spring specials, $4.15; patents, $3.20@3.60; straights, $2.70@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69½@71½c; No. 3 spring, 66@71c; No. 2 red, 73@75c.

CORN—No. 2, 35½c; No. 2 yellow, 35⅝@35½c.

OATS—No. 2, 28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 37@47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.19; northwest, $1.23⅛; prime timothy, $2.35

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.10@9.15. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.32½@5.35. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.45@4.85. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.05@5.10.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.83; granulated, $5.33.

CLOVERSEED—Contract grade, $5.65.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

| | Receipts | Shipm't's. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 23,000 | 21,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 40,000 | 31,000 |
| Corn, bu | 97,000 | 135,000 |
| Oats, bu | 265,000 | 199,000 |
| Rye, bu | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Barley, bu | 20,000 | 5,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11½@12c. Cheese, steady; creams, 11½@12¼c. Dressed poultry, moderate demand; turkeys, 11@13c; ducks, 10@11c; chickens, 9c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

### Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 34,200 bbls.; exports, 13,461 bbls.; market inactive at the advance, closing firm with wheat.

CORNMEAL—Quiet.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63½@64c, f. o. b., afloat.

WHEAT—Receipts, 49,600 bu.; exports, 163,000 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 84@84¼c, f. o. b., afloat, to arrive. Options opened strong on crop scares and were upheld by covering and southwestern investment buying most of the session. Foreign houses sold early, but the wheat was easily absorbed. Local sentiment was bullish all day, traders taking more stock in crop damage news than heretofore. The close was strong and nervous at 1¾c over Saturday's 1 o'clock curb prices. March, 83@83½c, closed 83¾c; May, 76@77¼c, closed 77c; July, 74⅝@76¼c, closed 75¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 125,775 bu.; exports, 83,152 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 43¼@44½c, f. o. b., afloat, new and old. Options opened firm with wheat, but ruled quiet all day and generally few sales. Closed steady at ⅝c net over Saturday's 1 o'clock curb price. May, 41@41¼c, closed 41c; July, 41⅛@41⅜c, closed 41½c.

OATS—Receipts, 93,000 bu.; exports, 50,107 bu.; spot stronger; No. 2, 33@33½c; track, white, 35¼@36c; No. 2 white, 35½c; track mixed western, 32½@34¼c; options dull.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@12c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16½@17c; Texas dry, 12½@13c; calf, 13½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 16@21c; Texas, 12@14c.

LEATHER—Receipts, 8,314 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 17@22c; Elgin, 22c; factory, 12@14½c; imitation creamery, 13½@18½c.

CHEESE—Steady; large white, 12c; small white, 12½c; large colored, 12c; small colored, 12½@12¾c.

EGGS—Steady; western fresh, 13@13¼c; southern, 12½@13½c.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 4¾@4⅝c; country, 4⅝@5c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet; prime crude, 22c; yellow, 26c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@5c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 32@37c.

METALS—Notable among the changes recorded was an advance of 30@37½ points in copper, 50@75 points in tin and about 25 points in iron. Lead sold off a shade. Pig iron warrants nominal at $11.00; lake copper, firmer, with $17.25 bid and $17.50 asked; tin, firm, with $23.75 bid and $23.87½ asked; lead, easy, with $4.35 bid and $4.40 asked; spelter, unchanged, with $4.35 bid and $4.40 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.29 and for copper is $17.37½@17.50.

### Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—WHEAT—Firm, 1s 2½d higher; March, nominal; May, 5s 6¼d; July, 5s 5¾d.

CORN—Steady, 3d higher; March, 3s 6½d; May, 3s 5½d; July, 3s 5¼d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week: From Atlantic ports, 35,200 quarters; Pacific ports, none; other ports, 7,000 quarters. Imports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports for the week, 48,100 quarters.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, short clear backs, 28s; Cumberland cut, firm, 27s 6d; short ribs, 28s; stocks exhausted; clear bellies, 30s 6d. Lard, prime western, 27s 6d.

The Grain and Provision exchanges will observe the Easter holidays by closing Friday, Saturday and Monday. The Cotton exchange will also be closed on these days.

### OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

#### Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand good; market firm at 10½@11c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY — Chickens, live, 5½@6c; dressed, 10@10½c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@5c; dressed, 7@7c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 9@10c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, light weight, 12½@13c; heavy weight, 11@12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per dozen, 75@90c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@9c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c.

FRESH WATER FISH—White fish, 9c; lake trout, 9c; small trout, green, 11c; yellow pike, 8c; pickerel, winter caught, 6c; silver herring, 4c; perch, scaled and dressed, 6c; perch, skinned and dressed, 7c; northern crappie, 10c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, very scarce, 15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 9c; Columbia river salmon, 11c; halibut, 11c; No. 1 smelts, 10c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, 30c each.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.75@5.00; Genitons, $4; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $5.25@5.50; western boxed, $1.85@2.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.00@6.25; large, $6.50@6.75; per crate, $2.00@2.25.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $4.00@4.25.

SPINACH—None in market.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 40c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, according to size, 30@40c.

WATERCRESS—16-qt. cases, $1.60.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.50 @1.60.

POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Colorado, $1.00@1.05; Early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.25; seed sweets, $2.60.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, choice, $3.50@3.75; Messina, fancy, $4.00@4.25.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.40@3.65; choice, $3.25; seedlings, $2.50@2.65.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9c.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¼c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 9c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2¼@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1¼@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown) $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

### St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—FLOUR—Firmer; patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.25@3.35; clear $2.85@3.10.

WHEAT—Options strong and higher; spot, dull but higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 26c; track, 77c; March, 76c; May, 77⅞c; July, 69¾c asked; No. 2 hard, 68@69c.

CORN—Options firm and fractionally higher; spot, better; No. 2, cash, 34c; track, 35c; March 34¼c; May, 34½@34¾c bid; July, 35¼c bid.

OATS—Options firm; spot dull; No. 2, cash, 28c; track, 28½c; March, 28c; May, 28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Strong at 57c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, lower at $1.16 bid. Timothy, timothy seed, $2.15.

CORNMEAL—$1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Easy; sacked, east track, 56c.

HAY—Stronger; timothy, $8.50@9.50; prairie, $6.50@7.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 18@22c; dairy, 13@17c.

EGGS—Lower at 10½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

METALS—Lead, lower at $4.22½. Spelter, firm at $6.05.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $9.25. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.10; choice, $5.20. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.25; extra shorts, $4.87½; ribs, $5; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5; extra shorts, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 40,000 bu.; oats, 36,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

### Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 27.—WHEAT—Dull; May opened 1c up at 65½c, rose to 66¼c, closing at 66c; cash No. 2 hard, 66@ 68c; No. 3, 64@67c; No. 2 red, 76c; No. 3, 72@74c.

CORN—Steady; May, 33c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32½c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3, 33½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

HAY—Higher; choice timothy, $7.75@8.00; choice prairie, $7.25@7.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 12@14c; dairy, 16c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 8,600 bu.; corn, 50,700 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 8,400 bu.; oats, 3,725 bu.

### New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 27.—PROVISIONS—Quiet but steady. Pork, standard mess, $9.25@9.50. Lard, refined tierce, $4.62½@4.75; pure, $5.87½@6.00. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.50; sides, $5.12½. Bacon, clear ribs, $5.75@5.87½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.00.

COFFEE—Fair to good, 6 6-16@7 9-16c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3½@4¾c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.40@3.50; patents, $3.80@4.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.95@1.97½.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $13.50@ 14.00.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, white, 43@43½c; mixed, 42½c; yellow, 43@43½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

### Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—WHEAT—Easy; spot, month and April, 76¾@76¾c; May, 76¾ 77c; steamer No. 2 red, 72¼@72¾c; receipts, 18,585 bu.; exports, 24,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 70@77½c; on grade, 73@ 77c.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 39¼@39¼c; April, 39¼@39⅝c; May, 39¾@40c; steamer mixed, 37⅝@37¾c; receipts, 142,131 bu.; exports, 180,000 bu.; southern white corn, 40c; southern yellow, 39½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 32¼@33c; receipts, 16,156 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 60c.

BUTTER—Steady.

EGGS—Firm at 12½@13c.

### Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 27.—FLOUR—Market firmer; fancy, $3.10@3.25; family, $2.45@ 2.70.

WHEAT—Firm, higher; No. 2 red, 74½@ 74½c.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 59c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm, $5.15. Bulk meats, firm, $5.75. Bacon, quiet, $5.60.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.26.

BUTTER—Firm.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refining, $4.41@5.85.

EGGS—Steady; 11c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio, flat, 11½c.

### Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 27. — WHEAT — Higher; No. 1 northern, 72¾c; No. 2 northern, 68¾@70c.

RYE—Higher; No. 1, 56c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 46½@47c; sample, 42@46½c.

### Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 27. — WHEAT — Firm; March, 71c; May, 70½c; July, 71¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 71¾c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c; No. 2 northern, 69¼c.

### Grain in Store and Afloat.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, March 25, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

Wheat, 30,067,000 bu.; increase, 75,000 bu.

Corn, 33,297,000 bu.; decrease, 69,000 bu.

Oats, 11,323,000 bu.; increase, 249,000 bu.

Rye, 1,444,000 bu.; decrease, 59,000 bu.

Barley, 2,380,000 bu.; decrease, 196,000 bu.

### Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 27.—WHEAT—Higher, firm; No. 2 cash, 74½c; May, 75c.

CORN—Quiet, firm; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 28c.

RYE—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 56c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, higher; prime cash, old, $3.30; new, cash, March and April, $3.55.

### Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 15 cars.

KANSAS CITY, March 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 81 cars.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 50; corn, 200; oats, 355.

### Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 27.—CORN—Active, firm; new No. 3, 34c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 29½@30c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

### Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, March 27.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 73⅜c; March, 72¾c; May, 73⅝c; July, 74⅜c; No. 1 northern, cash, 70½c; No. 2 northern, cash, 66⅝c.

### Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy newern creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Firmer; fresh western, 13½c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

### Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., March 27.—BUTTER—Offerings, 75 tubs; sales, 67 tubs, at 21c. Official market steady, 20½c.

## STORY OF DAY IN WALL STREET.

### Outsiders Come In for Buying and Stocks Bound Up.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Nearly all stocks made advances today and some of them were of material proportions. Various reasons might be assigned for the movement in individual stocks, but the principal motive for the general rise, apparently, was that the steady advance of prices of late had aroused the outside public to buy. The dealings reached nearly 1,250,000 shares.

Aggressive bull manipulation by the leaders of speculation had seemingly caused the public to cease waiting for an immediate opportunity to secure stocks at a lower level. The market opened under an impetus of higher quotations from London and though larger realizations on profits was apparent from time to time the advance continued pretty steadily until near the close, when the rate for call money reached 6 per cent, leaving the range for the day from 4 to 6 per cent, with the last loan at 5 per cent. A number of higher-priced records for stocks were made today. The buying was so broad that Sully thought a large number of commission house orders to purchase stock. This caused a pronounced rise at the opening and induced the elimination of many short contracts. The principal activity was in the Flower stocks, there being, for instance, 25,000 shares of Federal Steel sold at the opening over a range of 4 points and the stock made a net advance of 6⅝ on reports that the sales were large.

Brooklyn Transit rose 5 points on rumors that the Brooklyn Union elevated was said to have $500,000 in cash when taken into control by the transit company. The continued talk of negotiations for a combination of gas and electric light interests of Chicago was used to the benefit of People's Gas to the exclusion, at one point, among the other specialties to make large improvements were American Tobacco, 10; Metropolitan, 6¾; Third Avenue, 4, and Consolidated Gas, 3⅝.

The largest improvement among the leading railways was 2⅜ in Northwestern. February traffic returns attracted much attention, as they covered the period during which traffic was somewhat interrupted because of the storms. St. Paul's decrease of something over $9,000 in the net earnings was due to the increased operating expenses, the gross earnings having shown an increase. In the case of Atchison the road again reported over $188,000, although the gross earnings of the road decreased about $97,000.

Among the southern railways Wabash showed a net increase in February earnings of nearly $88,000. The market closed with no decided tone and no heavy trading.

The bond market today made an aggressive show of strength, heavy purchases of the active issues being made at substantial improvements. Total sales, $5,105,000. United States bonds were unchanged on bid quotations.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The new account began with more activity and better tone. The features were Americans and Rhodesian mines. The former were bought freely here. They eased off finally, closing slightly under the best. Atchison issues, Union Pacific and Denvers were in request. The rates were 4 9-16. Copper was up 2s 6d. Anaconda were good at 9-16. The dividend has been discounted. The American contango rate was 4½ and 5. St. Paul and Atchison preferred were 4 and Central Pacifics were over 5. The release of some Japanese funds released the money market temporarily. Seven thousand pounds sterling in gold arrived from Australia. There is a strong Russian demand at 77s 10d, but nothing has been done.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Express | 224 | St. L. & S. W. | 11 |
| Alton | 163 | do pfd | 32½ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 71 | St. Paul | 128½ |
| Canada Pacific | 85⅝ | do pfd | 171 |
| Canada Southern | 53 | St. P. & O. | 94 |
| Central Pacific | 32⅜ | do pfd | 170 |
| Ches. & Ohio | 28¼ | Southern Pacific | 32⅜ |
| Chicago & Alton | 173½ | Southern Railway | 13⅜ |
| C. B. & Q. | 144 | do pfd | 50½ |
| Chicago & R. I. | 135 | Texas & Pacific | 24⅞ |
| do pfd | 150 | Union Pacific | 47⅜ |
| Chicago Gt. W. | 16½ | do pfd | 85⅜ |
| Chicago, I. & L. | 9 | ***T. P. D. & G. | 13 |
| do pfd | 42 | Wabash | 9¾ |
| Chicago & N. W. | 154½ | do pfd | 25 |
| do pfd | 191 | W. & L. E. | 11⅝ |
| C., C., C. & St. L. | 58 | do pfd | 22½ |
| do pfd | 90 | Adams Express | 224 |
| Del. & Hudson | 116½ | American Ex | 140 |
| Del. L. & W. | 173 | U. S. Express | 53 |
| Denver & Rio G. | 23⅜ | Wells-Fargo Ex | 125 |
| do pfd | 76¼ | A. Cot. Oil | 26¼ |
| Erie (new) | 15⅝ | do pfd | 76¼ |
| do 1st pfd | 35¾ | American Spirits | 11⅝ |
| Fort Wayne | 180 | do pfd | 40⅜ |
| Gt. Nor. pfd | 194½ | American Tobacco | 214⅜ |
| Hocking Valley | 15½ | do pfd | 140 |
| Illinois Central | 115½ | Consolidated Gas | 208¾ |
| Lake Erie & W. | 18⅜ | Com. Cable Co | 185 |
| do pfd | 66¼ | Colorado F. & I. | 25⅜ |
| Lake Shore | 200 | do pfd | 78 |
| Louis. & Nash. | 69½ | General Electric | 43½ |
| Manhattan L. | 111⅝ | Haw. Com. Co | 27 |
| Met. St. Ry. | 202½ | Hen. Rep. Tr. | 12½ |
| Michigan Central | 113 | Int'n'l Paper | 15½ |
| Minn. & St. L. | 44½ | do pfd | 53¾ |
| do pfd | 95 | Laclede Gas | 77½ |
| Missouri Pacific | 47½ | Lead | 35¾ |
| Mobile & Ohio | 42¾ | do pfd | 112¾ |
| M., K. & T. | 14 | Nat. Lin. Oil | 4½ |
| do pfd | 40⅜ | Pacific Mail | 40¾ |
| N. J. Central | 118½ | People's Gas | 107⅜ |
| N. Y. Central | 138⅝ | Pullman Palace | 159 |
| N. Y., C. & St. L. | 14 | Silver Certificates | 69 |
| do 1st pfd | 65 | Standard R. & T. | 31½ |
| do 2d pfd | 33 | Sugar | 140 |
| Nor. & West | 38¾ | do pfd | 114 |
| No. American Co | 9⅝ | Tennessee C. & I. | 33½ |
| No. Pacific | 32⅞ | U. S. Leather | 7⅛ |
| do pfd | 72¾ | do pfd | 73¾ |
| Ontario & W. | 28⅜ | U. S. Rubber | 33 |
| *Ore. R. & N. | 45 | do pfd | 117 |
| Ore. Short Line | 44⅜ | Western Union | 93½ |
| P. C. 1st pfd | 24⅜ | American Ex & W. | 120 |
| do 2d pfd | 62 | *** do pfd | 102 |
| Pittsburg | 180 | Federal Steel | 61½ |
| Reading | 24⅜ | do pfd | 89⅜ |
| do 1st pfd | 57⅞ | Ore. Nav. pfd | 70 |
| R. G. W. | 16½ | Pacific Coast | 44 |
| do pfd | 37⅛ | Colorado Southern | 7 |
| Rock Island | 120 | do 1st pfd | 54½ |
| St. L. & S. F. | 22⅜ | do 2d pfd | 23½ |
| do 1st pfd | 68 | Continental Tobacco | 37⅜ |
| do 2d pfd | 40¾ | do pfd | 89 |

*Offered. **Second ass't paid. ***Ex-div.

Total sales of stocks today were 1,213,100 shares, including: Atchison, 7,400; Atchison preferred, 42,540; Central Pacific, 3,910; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,375; Burlington, 23,230; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 7,700; Illinois Central, 7,795; Louisville & Nashville, 3,225; Manhattan, 37,200; Metropolitan, 28,290; Reading first preferred, 6,500; Missouri Pacific, 29,150; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 5,300; New York Central, 11,730; Northern Pacific, 7,200; Ontario & Western, 4,315; Rock Island, 17,000; Union Pacific, 11,175; St. Paul, 12,900; Southern preferred, 12,530; Texas & Pacific, 5,200; Union Pacific preferred, 11,910; American Steel & Wire, 24,320; American Steel & Wire preferred, 4,000; Paper, 4,710; Federal Steel, 65,150; Federal Steel preferred, 14,177; Tobacco, 16,400; People's Gas, 26,350; Consolidated Gas, 3,690; Colorado Fuel & Iron, 5,300; Brooklyn Transit, 108,145; Sugar, 4,760; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 10,400; Leather preferred, 11,640; Rubber, 8,000; St. Louis & Southwestern preferred, 6,000; Chicago Great Western, 13,500.

### In the Foreign Financial World.

PARIS, March 27.—Business was favorable but inactive on the bourse today and at the close was irregular. Spanish 4s early in the day were in active demand, but later there was a reaction and they closed weak. Rio Tintos advanced sharply on the movement of copper. De Beers mines were weak and South African securities were irregular, dividend paper being strong and speculatives dropping in view of the approaching settlement. Spanish 4s closed at 59.80. Three per cent rentes, 102f 20c for the account; exchange on London, 25f. 22c for checks.

BERLIN, March 27.—The weekly statement of the Imperial bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase, 12,420,000 marks; treasury notes, decrease, 340,000 marks; other securities, increase, 51,800,000 marks; notes in circulation, increase, 39,240,000 marks.

LONDON, March 27.—The market for American securities was generally firm all day and advanced on New York buying. The final tone was firm and the demand moderate. Spanish 4s, 59¾. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 122. The Stock exchange will be closed Friday, March 31, Saturday, April 1, and Monday, April 3.

BERLIN, March 27.—International securities were firm on the bourse today. Spanish 4s were favored on Parisian advices and American and Canadian Pacific securities were maintained. Iron and coal stocks were strong, but bank shares were dull.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 27.—MONEY ON CALL—2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@ 4.86 for demand and at $4.82¾@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.86@4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; 3s, 108; new 4s, reg., 129; coupon, 129; 4s, 111¾; coupon, 113½; 2s, 99½; 5s, reg., 112½; coupon, 112⅝.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

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| U. S. new 3s | 108 | N. Y. C. 1st | 114⅝ |
| U. S. new 4s, reg | 129 | N. J. C. 5s | 119 |
| U. S. do coup | 129 | N. C. 6s | 120 |
| U. S. 4s, reg | 113⅜ | N. C. 4s | 104 |
| U. S. 4s, coup | 113⅜ | No. Pacific 1st | 117 |
| U. S. 2s, reg | 99¾ | No. Pacific 3s | 68 |
| U. S. 5s, reg | 112⅜ | No. Pacific 4s | 103⅜ |
| U. S. 5s, coup | 112⅜ | N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s | 107¾ |
| District, 65s | 117 | N. & W. 6s | 130 |
| Ala., class A | 109 | N. W. Consols | 142⅜ |
| Ala., class B | 109 | N. W. Deb. 5s | 123 |
| Ala., class C | 100 | Ore. N. 1sts | 111 |
| Ala., Currency | 100 | Ore. N. 4s | 102 |
| Atchison 4s | 102¾ | O. S. L. 6s 1. r. | 128⅞ |
| Do. adj. 4s | 84⅛ | O. S. L. 5s 1. r. | 110 |
| Canada So. 2ds | 109 | Reading 4s | 89⅝ |
| C. & O. 4½s | 93¾ | R., W. & O. 1sts | 98 |
| Chi. Terms. 4s | 100¾ | St. L. & I. M. con 5s | 111⅛ |
| C. & O. 5s | 120 | St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s | 124 |
| C. H. & D. 4½s | 104⅝ | St. P. Con. 7s | 140 |
| D. & R. G. 4s | 103⅛ | St. P. C. & P. 1sts | 121⅝ |
| D. & R. G. 4s | 101 | St. P. C. & P. 5s | 120¾ |
| East Tenn. 1sts | 105 | So. Ry. 5s | 107¾ |
| Erie Gen. 4s | 73⅜ | S. R. & T. 6s | 89¾ |
| N. Y. & D. 1sts, 1. r. | 84¼ | Tenn. new set 3s | 87⅞ |
| Gen. Elec. 5s | 115 | T. P. L. G. 1sts | 112⅝ |
| G. H. & S. A. 6s | 111 | T. P. R'g. 2ds | 54¼ |
| G. H. & S. A. 2ds | 110 | T. P. W. G. 1sts | 93¾ |
| H. & T. C. Cent. 6s | 117 | Wab. 1st 5s | 116 |
| H. & T. C. con. 6s | 110¾ | Wab. 2ds | 97 |
| Iowa C. 1sts | 109 | W. Shore 4s | 114 |
| La. New Con. 4s | 102¾ | Va. Centuries | 85¾ |
| L. & N. Un. 4s | 95⅛ | Va. deferred | 9 |
| Mo. Pac. con. 6s | 120 | Wis. Cent. 1sts | 87¾ |
| M. K. & T. 2ds | 68 | U. P. 4s | 104¾ |
| M. K. & T. 4s | 94¾ | Colorado South'n 4s | 86¾ |

*Offered.

### Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 27.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

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| A., T. & S. F. | 22¾ | Atchison pfd | 63⅜ |
| American Sugar | 139 | do 4s | 100 |
| Bell Telephone | 387 | New England 6s | 114 |
| Boston & Albany | 256 | Wis. Central 1s | 69½ |
| Boston & Maine | 175 | Allouez Mining Co | 5¾ |
| Boston L. | 71½ | Atlantic | 23 |
| C., B. & Q. | 144 | Boston & Mont. | 397 |
| Fitchburg | 129 | Butte & Boston | 88½ |
| General Electric | 119 | Calumet & Hecla | 455 |
| Federal Steel | 43½ | Centennial | 18⅝ |
| do pfd | 89 | Franklin | 20¾ |
| Mexican Central | 6⅝ | Old Dominion | 46½ |
| Old Colony | 202 | Osceola | 93¾ |
| Rubber | 55 | Parrott | 35 |
| Union Pacific | 47½ | Tamarack | 245 |
| West End | 93¼ | Wolverine | 45 |
| do pfd | 112½ | Parrott | 43½ |
| Westingh. Electric | 48¼ | Adventure | 14 |
| do pfd | 84 | Allouez | 2½ |
| Wis. Central | 21½ | Colon Land | 8⅝ |
| Ed. Elec. Tel. | 200 | Wincna | 17½ |

### San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

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| Alta | 14 | Julia | 3 |
| Andes |